

**North Dakota Racing Commission Special Meeting**  
**Phone Meeting**  
Monday, January 27, 2025 – 11:30 a.m., Central Time  
1-701-328-7850 Meeting ID: 16124652#

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tracy Hanson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Present:** Executive Director Bruce Johnson, and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

**On the Phone:** Chairman Tracy Hanson, Commissioner Richard LaFromboise, Commissioner Jessica Benson, Commissioner Mike Schmitz, and Legal Counsel Steve Hanson

**Others on the Phone:** Janelle Mitzel, Lacey Anderson, and Carey Thiel

**AGENDA**

1. **Review recently introduced legislation**
  - a. HB 1525
  - b. SB 2347
2. **No other business to come before the Commission**
3. **Adjournment**

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Executive Director Johnson read HB 1525 to the Commissioners and recommended that the Commission not support the bill. There was discussion among the Commissioners and Director Johnson and how this bill would seem to eliminate the Racing Commission.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner LaFromboise and seconded by Commissioner Benson for the Racing Commission to not support HB 1525. LaFromboise – Y, Benson – Y, Hanson – Y, and Schmitz – Y. Motion passed.

Executive Director Johnson read SB 2347 to the Commissioners and stated that he opposes the bill primarily because of the dog racing aspect. There was discussion among the Commissioners and Director Johnson and how this bill would hurt the licensed ADW's and the Racing Commission and the live racing in the State.

Lacey Anderson, representing Churchill Downs and Grey2K, presented her side.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner LaFromboise and seconded by Chairman Hanson for the Racing Commission to not support SB 2347 unless the greyhound racing verbiage is taken out. LaFromboise – Y, Hanson – Y, Benson – Y, and Schmitz – Y. Motion passed.

**2. No other business to come before the Commission**

**3. Adjournment**

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Schmitz and seconded by Commissioner Benson to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.